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In re U.S. Patent Application of	)	
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	)	**Vargot, Mathieu D.**
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREHEATING RAW TIRE	)	
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, the period for response to which is set to expire on July 24, 2006, with a two-month extension filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: